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MR. PRESIDENT, FATHERS, AND BRETHREN: In presenting to you the twenty-first biennial report of the work of our Church in the particular department of Christian effort which has been entrusted to their care, your Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully invite your attention to the following items:

1. *Finances.* The last financial report of the Board closed with May 31st, 1879. The one to be presented to-day closes with March 31st, 1881, in accordance with the resolution of the last General Synod, fixing the last day of March as the close of the financial year of the Board. It thus covers a period of only twenty-two months, during which time the Board has received from all sources for the general fund, \$30,133.14, which with the balance of \$1,881.71 from the previous two years, gave us \$32,014.55. Of this amount, \$29,792.77 were expended in the current work, leaving a balance of \$2,222.08 in the treasury at the close of the last financial year. This report indicates a very commendable degree of interest and liberality on the part of our churches, and encourages the Board to ask for and expect yet better things in the future. For once at least in its history the General Synod has more than carried out its resolution to raise a certain sum of money for a specified object, and therefore it will be guilty of no presumption in placing the mark a little higher for the next two years.

In addition to the balance reported above, the Board has also still in hand \$5,173.62 of the amount realized from the legacy of Mr. George Coher, of Mansfield, Ohio. As this legacy was set apart by the will of the testator for the sole use of the African mission, it has been kept as a separate fund to be drawn on for any special work in that field, or in case of an emergency. It is securely invested in Baltimore City stock, and is yielding a small revenue to the general fund. Five hundred dollars of this legacy were used last year for the erection of a chapel at Muhlenberg, making the whole amount received from this

bequest \$5,673.62. The remainder will probably be utilized in a short time for the expenses of some work in the interior, which the Board is contemplating entering upon at an early day. Of this they will speak more fully under the head of the African Mission.

The Board has also received within the past year a special contribution of \$2,000 from a tried and liberal "Friend of Missions," which, by the request of the donor, has been invested as a permanent fund, to be known as "The India Mission Endowment Fund," the proceeds of which are to be used annually for the training of native helpers. This is a most laudable example of wise and liberal benevolence, and we would commend it to others in our churches, who have been blessed with wealth, as suggesting a means by which they may leave their works to follow them here when they have been called to their reward above.

The current expenses of the Board, in the administration of the trust committed to them, have been \$272.59 for the period covered by the report. Of this amount, \$122.10 were paid for the printing and gratuitous distribution of 5,000 copies of their last report, authorized by the last General Synod. The balance was used for traveling expenses, postage and stationery, and other incidental expenses.

A detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Board will be submitted by the Treasurer.

2. *The Missionary Journal.* Soon after the adjournment of the last General Synod, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board entered into correspondence with the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension and the representatives of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, on the expediency of establishing a missionary journal or magazine, to be conducted by the Boards and the Woman's Society, in conjunction, and to be used as a means of communication between them and the churches. A committee was subsequently appointed to consult with similar committees from the other Boards interested, a plan was prepared and adopted, and finally the new paper was issued in January, 1880, under the name of "*The Lutheran Missionary Journal*." By the efforts of our pastors, and the efficient co-operation of the Woman's Missionary Societies, the circulation reached over 7,000 the first year, and notwithstanding the low price at which the paper was placed, it paid all its expenses. The Board is sorry to say, however, that the circulation fell off somewhat at the beginning of the second year. This we are constrained to believe was not from a lack of interest on the part of the people, nor of popularity on the part of the *Journal*, so much as from a want of proper effort by our pastors, and others whose duty it was to see that the old subscriptions were promptly renewed, and new ones added wherever practicable. Since the beginning of the year, we are glad to say that the list has been steadily increasing again, and is now in the neighborhood of 9,000. Still, even this, encouraging as it is, is far below what it should be. Wherever proper effort has been made, there has been no difficulty, so far as we have heard, in securing subscribers; and we believe that with a little exertion the circulation might be increased to fifteen or twenty thousand, which would make the *Journal* a great power for good in our churches, and enable it to do the work which was contemplated in establishing it.

3. *The Woman's Missionary Society.* As there is a special committee of the General Synod on the organization of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, who will doubtless make a full report on the subject, it is not necessary that we should allude to it further than to record our hearty sympathy with the women of our church, in their noble and praiseworthy efforts, and our grateful appreciation of the assistance which they have rendered to the Board by their cordial co-operation in our work among the churches, and their liberal contributions to our Treasury. Since the last General Synod, besides the sum of \$706.25, expended through the Board for the outfit, traveling expenses and salary of their first missionary, and in the preparation of rooms for her in Guntur, they have paid into our treasury \$800 for the support of the girls' schools in Guntur, and of Mrs. P. Lucy and her Zenana work. Of this latter amount \$175 have been paid within a few days, and will therefore not appear in the present Treasurer's report. We would again most cordially commend this Society to the sympathy and co-operation of all our pastors and churches, and express the hope that before the next meeting of the General Synod the number of auxiliary societies may be very greatly increased.

4. *The Children's Foreign Missionary Society.* This very active and useful auxiliary to the Board is now in a more flourishing condition than it has been at any time since its organization in 1873. The use of India photographs this year as presents to the members of the Society, and the work of Rev. Rowe, the Children's Missionary, among the churches and Sunday-schools, seems to have infused new life and interest into the Society, and the number of members for the current year will probably be not less than 10,000.

As Bro. Rowe had returned to America, where he expected to remain at least a year, and possibly longer, Rev. Charles Schnure, who sailed for India last Fall, was appointed by the Board of Managers of the Society, as Associate Children's Missionary, so that the children might not be without a representative in the field. As Bro. Rowe is now expecting to go back to India at an early day, it is hoped that the Society may meet with sufficient encouragement to enable it to support both these brethren. To do this will require an annual income of at least \$2,500, or a regular contributing membership of 10,000. Surely it ought to be no impossible or even difficult thing to secure this in the 847 Sunday-schools in the General Synod. We heartily commend this Society to the fostering care of all our pastors and superintendents, as one of the best means of educating the young people of our church to an intelligent and cheerful liberality. And as all the contributions made through this Society are regularly credited on the apportionment of the General Synod and the District Synods, it must commend itself to the patronage of all who are desirous of meeting their respective assessments.

This is believed to be the best place in which to insert the following summary of the receipts of the Children's Missionary Society from the several Synods, during the two years of its operations, from May 1st, 1879, to May 1st, 1881:

Synod of Maryland.....	\$968	74
Synod of West Pennsylvania.....	569	51
Hartwick Synod.....	171	06
Synod of New York and New Jersey.....	97	00
East Ohio Synod.....	15	90
Allegheny Synod.....	136	59
Synod of East Pennsylvania.....	250	79
Miami Synod.....	21	80
Synod of Central Illinois.....	41	75
Wittenberg Synod.....	12	00
Olive Branch Synod.....	35	21
Synod of Northern Illinois.....	36	75
Pittsburgh Synod.....	143	66
Synod of Central Pennsylvania.....	92	33
Synod of Northern Indiana.....	59	75
Franckean Synod.....	9	50
Susquehanna Synod	94	81
Synod of Kansas.....	1	90
Synod of Nebraska.....	6	00
Ansgari Synod.....	11	50
 Total from Synods.....	\$2,776	55
Received from other sources.....	60	53
 Total receipts for two years.....	\$2,837	08

The figures of this report and of the report of the Treasurer of the Board will not correspond with each other, owing to the fact that they cover different periods of time, the financial year of the Children's Society closing with the 30th of April, and that of the Board on the 31st of March. An effort will be made to secure greater conformity hereafter.

5. *The American Tract Society.* We would also acknowledge, in this connection, the liberality of the American Tract Society in appropriating \$100 a year towards the support of our tract work in India. This money, in accordance with the Constitution of that Society and the request of its Secretary, is used only in the distribution of undenominational literature, setting forth the great fundamental truths of Christianity, in the belief and teaching of which all evangelical denominations are agreed.

6. *Future Wants.* As our work is constantly enlarging through the blessing of God upon the labors of our missionaries, the demands for funds for its support are also ever increasing. To meet these demands, and the absolute necessities of the work in both our India and African missions, the resources of the Board should be largely increased. And as the tide of prosperity is again flowing in upon our great country, and the blessing of God is resting so richly upon the industries of our people, may we not confidently ask and expect for the coming two years a large increase in the contributions of our churches towards the evangelization of the world, and the hastening on of the time when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord?

To meet the responsibilities which God is laying upon us as a church, and respond to the calls which are coming to us from both India and Africa, for more laborers and increased facilities to enable our missionaries to care prop-

erly for the multitudes who are presenting themselves for baptism, or asking for instruction, to say nothing of the still greater multitudes who are still unawakened, will require not less than \$20,000 a year. Would not even this be a small sum for the great Lutheran Church of the General Synod, with her 900 or more ministers, her 1,200 or 1,500 congregations, and her 125,000 or 130,000 communicants, to give towards the fulfillment of our Lord's command to his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?

7. *A Charter for the Board* was procured from the Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1872. But, inasmuch as the laws of Maryland are somewhat peculiar as regards corporations, we have been advised that if the present Board is to be continued for another two years, it would be expedient for them to secure an act of incorporation in that State also, and this we would respectfully ask for authority to do. The expense attending this, we are informed, if anything at all, will be very slight.

THE MISSIONS.

As the Church has been kept very fully informed of the progress of our missions through the agency of the *Missionary Journal*, and the communications of the missionaries and others in the church papers, it is not necessary that the Board should do more here than call your attention briefly to some matters of special interest and importance.

I. THE INDIA MISSION.

1. *The Return of the Rowes, and the sending out of Rev. Schnure.* Soon after the last meeting of the General Synod, it became evident to the Board, from the letters of Bro. Rowe, and of Dr. Unangst, the Chairman of the India Conference, that it would be necessary to allow Mrs. Rowe to return to America at an early day, in order to avoid a complete, and perhaps fatal, failure of her health. As it was almost impossible for her to travel alone with the children, and as Mr. Rowe's health had also run down very much, it was deemed best to give them both permission to return to the United States with their family to recruit. They left India April 16th, 1880, and arrived in Philadelphia June 13th. After a short rest, Bro. Rowe was commissioned by the Board to visit the Synods and churches in the interest of Foreign Missions, which work he has been prosecuting with great vigor and success up to the present time. Wherever he has gone, he has been most cordially received, and has awakened a deeper and more intelligent interest in the cause which he represented; and the results of his work will no doubt be felt for many years in the increased liberality of the people. It is a source of gratification also, both to Bro. Rowe and to the Board, that the profits realized on the sale of the photographs of life and scenes in India, taken by himself on the ground, and of books relating to our mission lands and work, will cover all his expenses for traveling and correspondence, while at the same time they are a valuable aid in awakening a missionary spirit, and giving our people needed information.

The return of Brother Rowe from India had left a vacancy in our mission there, which it was necessary to fill as early as possible. For a long time, however, the efforts of the Board to secure a suitable man seemed to be in vain.

Several persons were invited to fill the vacancy, but declined. Finally, early in September, the name of Rev. Charles Schnure, of Laurelton, Pa., was presented to the Board by Bro. Rowe, who had met him while visiting the churches under his charge, and who highly recommended him as being eminently adapted to the work. After careful inquiry, both of himself and others, as to his health, attainments, and general adaptation to the life and work of a missionary, he was invited to meet the Board, and, after consultation, was duly commissioned as a missionary to India. He sailed from New York with his wife, November 27th, 1880, accompanied also by Miss Boggs, the first Woman's missionary from our Church. They arrived at Guntur February 15th, 1881, and at last accounts were in good health, and were busily engaged in the study of Telugu, and in such missionary work as they are able to do in and about Guntur.

Your Board is glad to express the belief that in Bro. Schnure they have secured a missionary with exceptional qualifications for the work, and one in whom the whole Church can have the fullest confidence. His wife is also a woman of superior character and attainments, who has had considerable experience as a teacher, and promises to be in every way a true and worthy helpmeet to her husband in his new and arduous field of labor.*

2. *The Woman's Missionary.* As stated above, Mr. and Mrs. Schnure were accompanied to India by Miss Kate M. Boggs, who went out as the first representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod. We would heartily congratulate this Society, and the Church in general, on this consummation of the wishes, and prayers, and work of our Christian women. The appointment of Miss Boggs was most cordially approved by the Board, and we have every reason to believe that she is well adapted to the work to which she has consecrated her life, and will render very effective service in carrying the light of the gospel of Christ into the darkened homes and hearts of the women of India.

3. *Brother Rowe's Return to India.* The accessions to our India Mission, as will appear from the statistical table embodied in this report, have been unusually large during the past year, amounting to nearly 1,200. The number of inquirers or candidates for baptism is also exceptionally large, being nearly 3,000 at the close of 1880. To give all these the care and training which will be necessary to develop them into intelligent, consistent, and stable Christian character and life, will require more time and labor than can be given them by the missionaries now in the field, especially as Brother Schnure will not be able to use the language of the people with any fluency for at least another year. In view of these facts it has seemed to the Board not only expedient, but imperatively necessary, that, in accordance with his own request, brother Rowe should be returned to India at the earliest possible day, the health of both himself and

* We are sorry to say that since the adoption of this report by the Board, we have had information of the serious illness of both Miss Boggs and Mrs. Schnure. At last advices, Miss Boggs was much better, and in a fair way to recover at an early day, while Mr. and Mrs. Schnure had gone to the sea-coast; and we are hoping soon to receive a more favorable report from Mrs. Schnure also.

wife having apparently been quite restored by their sojourn of one year in the United States. It is probable that Bro. Uhl will have to come to America in a year or two to recruit his health, which is beginning to suffer from the effects of the climate and his arduous labors; and it is the expectation of the Board that he will then complete the work of visitation among the churches, especially in the West, where Bro. Rowe has been able to do but little. Dr. Unangst will also be coming home in a few years for a season of rest, and to see his wife and family, from all of whom he has now been separated for ten years. He will also be able to do something in this direction. But in order that our western churches may have some benefit also of Bro. Rowe's work at the present time, his departure has been delayed until October 1st. This will enable him to visit such of the western Synods as meet in September, and also as many of the churches as he can take in, in going to and from the Synods. In order, however, to give him some needed rest and recreation before sailing for India, the Board has positively instructed Bro. Rowe to make no engagements for work after the General Synod, except what he may do in the month of September.

4. *Temporary Training School.* With a view to further meeting the necessity spoken of above for additional laborers, owing to the large accessions, and the great numbers of inquirers, the Board has authorized Bro. Rowe, on his return to India, to organize a Temporary Training School for Native Christian Workers. The plan for this school has been recently published in full in the *Journal* and the Church papers, and need not be repeated here. It must not, however, be confounded with our Boarders' Department, which is a permanent part of our regular work, towards the support of which many of our friends have been contributing for several years.

This Training School is only intended to be temporary, and to meet the present emergency. We earnestly hope therefore that the appeal which has been made by the Board through Bro. Rowe, for 100 persons who shall agree to contribute \$25 a year for from two to three years for the support of pupils in this school, will meet with an early and liberal response, so that the whole number may be secured before Bro. Rowe leaves America. The hope of the Christian Church in India, as in all lands, lies in this direction—in the development of their own resources of labor and means; and we believe that no better work can be undertaken by any of our people than the education of native Christians to become teachers and preachers, or, in other words, to help India to evangelize herself.

5. *New House.* For the accommodation of Bro. Rowe and his family on their return to India, and of the present and future female missionaries, the Board has arranged with the Woman's Society for the erection of a double house in Guntur, to cost about \$3,000. Of this amount the women have generously agreed to furnish two-thirds, or \$2,000, in view of the pressing demands upon the Board at the present time, and in consideration of the fact that the house will be located on a lot belonging to the Board, and its erection superintended by one of the Board's missionaries.

6. *New Stations.* For the better accommodation of our missionaries in the district work, which is becoming more onerous and important every year, the

Board has recently authorized the India Conference to establish two out-stations in the districts East and North of Guntur, at such places as the Conference may select, and to erect at these stations such buildings as will enable the missionaries to reside there temporarily with their families while engaged in district work. The cost of establishing these new stations is limited to \$500 each, and it is believed that they will greatly facilitate the work of our missionaries, making it possible for them to remain in the district for several months at a time, which they cannot now do. They will thus have more direct and immediate oversight of their congregations also, and will save much time and money now spent in traveling.

7. *The Schools.* These are still in a flourishing condition, and are doing a good and much-needed work. The Anglo-Vernacular High School, under the efficient superintendence of Bro. Uhl, is yielding very excellent results. It now promises, after long prayer and waiting, to eventually give us a hold upon the higher castes of India, which would be a great step in advance.

The Boarders' Department is still doing very effective service in preparing native Christian boys and girls to become helpers in various ways in the work of saving their countrymen. Those who have been or are still contributing to the support of pupils in this department are doing an excellent thing. We hope they will continue their patronage as long as practicable, and that as some of them drop off by death, or from a desire to take up some other object of support, others will always be found ready to come forward and take their places.

The Girls' Schools, as stated before, are under the care of the Woman's Missionary Society, and a full report of their work has no doubt been made to that Society by the ladies in charge of them in Guntur.

8. *Statistics.* The following statistical table, taken from the report of Dr. Unangst, will give you a full and very satisfactory view of the condition of the India Mission at the close of 1880:

Stations.....	4
*Missionaries (ordained).....	3
Native Pastors (ordained).....	2
Evangelists.....	1
Catechists.....	4
Bible Colporteurs.....	2
Tract ".....	2
Village preachers.....	42
Sunday-school teachers.....	57
School teachers.....	49
Villages in which there are native Christians.....	223
Congregations.....	109
Baptized members, including children.....	5423
Communicants.....	2246
Sunday-school pupils { Christians.....	1812
Heathen.....	10
Chapels or prayer-houses.....	41
Baptized in 1879 { Adults.....	209
Children.....	194 403

*One in America on leave of absence.

Baptized in 1880	{	Men	383
		Women	296
		Children.....	<u>519</u> 1198
Total accessions in 1879 and 1880.....			1601
Candidates for baptism at the close of 1880	{	Men.....	918
		Women	870
		Children.....	<u>1148</u> 2936
Pupils in A. V. High School.....			80
" " Caste Girls' Schools.....			125
Pupils in the Vernacular schools	{	Christians { Boys.....	430
		Girls.....	<u>234</u> 664
		Heathen { Boys.....	251
		Girls.....	<u>164</u> 415 1079
Contributions of native congregations to benevolent objects.....			\$508 15

In addition to the workers reported above, it should be said that the wives of our missionaries, though under no obligation to do so, other than has come from the constraining love of Christ and souls in their hearts, have been rendering most laborious and valuable services in the girls' schools, and by visiting the women in their homes.

A comparison of this table with the one contained in our report two years ago, will show a very encouraging increase, both in our working force and in the results of their labors. God is richly blessing our efforts in this field, and it becomes us to consecrate ourselves and our means anew to the vigorous prosecution of the work, until the darkness of ignorance and superstition shall be banished from the whole land, and the "Sun of Righteousness" shall arise and shine upon all the people with healing in his wings.

II. THE AFRICAN MISSION.

There are only a few things in connection with our mission at Muhlenberg that require special mention.

1. *Return of Bro. Day to Africa.* Soon after the last General Synod, Bro. Day, our efficient missionary at this station, who was then present with us on leave of absence, returned to his post. He found everything about the mission in good condition, having been well cared for by the native Christians left in charge. Since his return, his health has continued excellent, and he has been very much encouraged in his work.

2. When Bro. Day went back to Africa, the Board sent with him the native boy, *James Brown*, who had been educated by Prof. Born at Missionary Institute, and to whom some reference was made in our last report. At last accounts he was doing well, and he now bids fair to become a very useful and valuable assistant to our missionary.

3. *A New Chapel* has been erected since Bro. Day's return, at a cost of \$500, which was appropriated for that purpose out of the receipts from the Coher legacy. It is used for both church and school purposes.

4. *Custom Duties.* Some trouble has been experienced during the past year with the Liberian government, in regard to the payment of duties on goods

shipped to Muhlenberg for use in our mission work. No demand for such duties has ever been made until within the year, and it is still hoped that the government may be induced to remit them, and admit our goods free again, as they have done heretofore. A committee has been appointed to correspond and co-operate with the representatives of other denominations having missions within the Liberian territory, with a view to securing this result, but they are not prepared as yet to make any definite report. If we should be compelled to pay these duties regularly hereafter, it would very materially increase the cost of this mission, as we are obliged to carry on all our trade with the natives by exchanging goods for their labor or produce, there being no other currency. These goods are nearly all shipped from this country through Messrs. Yates & Porterfield, of New York, whose vessels pass between New York and Monrovia every three or four months. By this plan the cost of the goods is reduced to from twenty to thirty per cent. less than it would be if we were to buy them from the merchants of Liberia. The addition of the duties would largely diminish this saving, since they are quite heavy, having amounted to over \$200 in the past year.

5. *Interior Work.* At the last General Synod, the Board was authorized to establish at least one new station farther inland than Muhlenberg, if the way should be found clear. But, owing to the breaking out of a war soon after between a number of the tribes bordering on the Mission, and the consequent unsettled condition of the country, no steps have yet been taken in this direction. The last letters from Bro. Day report the war over, and the country quiet again; and it is probable that something may be attempted during the coming year, at least towards exploring the interior. The whole of this part of the west coast is practically a *terra incognita*, not only to us, but to the whole civilized world. No traveler has ever gone over it, and but little has been done towards its exploration except by a few government expeditions from this country and Holland, which have penetrated a little way up some of the rivers.

Before we can do much, therefore, towards interior work, it will be absolutely necessary for our missionary to do the work of an explorer, and by going over the ground as far as possible, learn something of the character of the country, the climate, the condition of the people, and the best location for a new station. This work Bro. Day is now prepared to do, as soon as authorized by the Board; and his long residence at Muhlenberg, his familiarity with the habits and customs of the people, and the high esteem in which he seems to be held by all the chiefs as far as he is known, together with the unusual ability which he has shown for withstanding the effects of the climate, all give us reason to hope for some most excellent and valuable results from his work, if he is once permitted to make the attempt—results which will be of great service not only to us, but to all the other missions operating in our neighborhood, and even to the world at large.

And while speaking of this relation of the proposed exploration of the interior to mission work in general, it may not be amiss for us to mention the fact, which has been a source of no small gratification both to Bro. Day and to the Board, that our station at Muhlenberg seems to have become a kind of centre

or headquarters for all the missionaries laboring on that part of the West Coast. During the past three or four years quite a number of missionaries of other churches have gone there to acclimate, or to receive treatment and seek recovery during or after severe attacks of the African fever. When Bro. Day last wrote to the Board he had three such missionaries with him, two of whom had been sent out by Mr. E. S. Morris of Philadelphia to do mission work on his coffee farm near Muhlenberg, and the third a Methodist lady who had been sent out some time before, but who through sickness and disappointment had become a complete wreck physically. He has also been called on several times during the past few years to exert his influence for the relief of missionaries who had gotten into difficulty with the native chiefs, and were in danger of violence and death; and twice, at least, he was asked to mediate between government expeditions and the natives. In all of these cases he was entirely successful in accomplishing the results desired, and we mention this as an evidence of his influence with the natives, and an illustration of the good that he is doing indirectly for the cause of Christianity and civilization at large. It helps to show how broad and grand the missionary's work is, how it reaches out to help and bless not only his own particular field of labor, and the few heathen who may come under his immediate influence there, but other and distant fields, and even those who are engaged in entirely different spheres of activity.

But before Bro. Day can leave Muhlenberg to go into the interior, it will be necessary for him to have an assistant or associate missionary, who can take charge of our interests there during his absence. For this purpose we should have a married man, who could be ordained to the ministry, or at least licensed, before leaving this country. He should be a man of practical wisdom, of good strong common sense, rather than of great learning. Above all, he should be a man of earnest and devoted piety. That the Lord may raise up such a man speedily for our African work, is now our earnest prayer.

The extra expense to be incurred in the exploring work proposed, and in the opening of new stations farther inland, which Bro. Day estimates at \$1,000 for the first year, can be provided for out of the remainder of the Coher legacy, which has been held by the Board partly for that purpose.

6. *Statistics.* The following statistical table, recently received from Bro. Day, is, we believe, the fullest and most satisfactory one ever presented from this Mission. It will enable you to judge for yourselves of the character and value of the work which we are doing on that benighted shore.

Children in the Mission School at the close of 1880—

Boarders	{	Boys.....	53	
		Girls.....	11	64
Number of these who are Christians	{	Boys.....	34	
		Girls.....	5	39
Ages of these Children	{	Boys {	Between 5 and 10 years.....	16
			“ 10 and 15 “	27
		Boys {	Over 15 years.....	10
		Girls {	Between 5 and 10 years.....	7
			“ 10 and 15 “	3
		Girls {	Over 15 years.....	1

Admitted to the school in 1880	{	Boys.....	37
		Girls.....	<u>3</u> 40
Returned to their homes in 1880	{	Boys.....	42
		Girls.....	<u>2</u> 44
Native children attending school, but not boarded by the mission.	{	Boys	19
		Girls	<u>9</u> 28
Whole number of pupils in the school.....			131
Native teachers (Christians).....			3
Native church membership, including baptized children.....			117
Communicants	{	Natives.....	56
		Colored people not natives.....	<u>6</u> 62
Baptized in 1880	{	Adults.....	43
		Children.....	<u>8</u> 51
Natives, not Christians, attending worship.....			50
Sunday-school	{	Teachers.....	8
		Scholars.....	<u>136</u> 144
Number of these not Christians.....			67
Contributions of natives in 1880 for Christian work (approximate).....			\$96.00
Native Christian families living near the mission.....			13
Heads of these who have been trained in the mission.	{	Men	9
		Women	<u>13</u> 22

REPORT OF FARM FOR 1880.

Acres of land under cultivation	75
Acres cleared during the year.....	10
Number of coffee trees growing.....	17,000
" " " " now bearing.....	7,000
" " " " pounds coffee gathered in 1880.....	1,357
" " " " bushels sweet potatoes raised.....	700
" " " " cassava raised.....	800
" " " " edoies raised.....	300

It is true that as compared with our mission in India, or with what is needed in Africa, this seems to be a very small work indeed, almost insignificant. But it is only a beginning, which we trust will soon grow by God's blessing into something greater and better—a little plant which may finally become a great tree, in whose shadow and fruits multitudes of the sons and daughters of Africa shall yet rejoice. In the meantime there is no reason for discouragement. On the contrary, when all the circumstances and difficulties of mission work in Africa are considered, there is great reason for encouragement, and for a very hopeful view of the future.

Allow us to quote yet, in conclusion, this brief extract from Bro. Day's last letter to the Board: "You know how unpleasant it is to write of one's own work, but I can truthfully say that it is steadily and firmly advancing. During the last year we had over forty accessions to the church, all persons educated and trained in our mission. They have returned to their people in almost as many different directions, carrying with them the seed of truth. Great barriers are melting away, and the country is gradually opening for the advance of the Christian missionary; and I believe that if we steadily and faithfully continue

to work, the results here will be grand—not likely in your day or mine—still it will come. May the God of missions bless us." And to this prayer we will all say, Amen !

RECOMMENDATIONS.

With a view to facilitating your action on the several items of this report, the Board have prepared the following resolutions, which, together with the report itself, they now respectfully submit to your consideration.

1. *On the Success of our Missions and Provision for Their Future Support.* *Resolved*, That we have heard with unfeigned pleasure and gratitude to God, of the great success which by his favor and blessing, has crowned the labors of all our missionaries during the past year.

Resolved, That we have been especially gratified by the large accessions to Christianity in India, and the intelligence that such increasing multitudes are forsaking their idolatry and vain superstitions, and are seeking instructions concerning the true God, and the way of life and salvation through faith in his Son Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That we have been greatly pleased also to hear of the continued good health of Bro. Day and the encouraging progress of his work, of the high esteem in which he is held by the other missionaries in Africa, and of the services which he has been able to render to them and others by reason of his knowledge of the climate, his successful treatment of the African fever, and his great and extended influence with the natives.

Resolved, That we recognize in all this a most solemn and impressive call upon our Church at home to a deeper interest than ever in the work of Foreign Missions, and to increased liberality in its support, in order that we may properly meet the grave responsibilities which are thus laid upon us.

Resolved, That in view of these facts we heartily endorse the call of the Board upon our churches for at least \$40,000 for the prosecution of the work during the next two years, and earnestly exhort our pastors and people to make every possible effort to raise this amount.

2. *On the Missionary Journal.* *Resolved*, That we cordially endorse the action of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension, in conjunction with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in establishing the *Lutheran Missionary Journal*, and that we commend this paper to our pastors and people as eminently deserving of their patronage, and hereby call upon them with all earnestness to put forth every effort to extend its circulation.

3. *On the Woman's Missionary Society.* *Resolved*, That we unite with the Board in congratulating the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, on the success which has attended their efforts during the past two years, both in the organization of new societies and in the collection of funds, and especially in the sailing of their first missionary to India, and the wide prospect of usefulness which is before her there; and that we cordially commend their work to the sympathy and co-operation of our pastors and of all our devoted Christian women.

4. *On the Children's Society.* *Resolved*, That we recognize in the Children's Missionary Society a most valuable means of interesting the children and young people of our churches in the subject of Foreign Missions, and training them to become intelligent and liberal supporters of it in the future ; and that we, therefore, recommend all our pastors and superintendents who have not yet done so, to introduce it into their churches and Sunday-schools, and express the hope that its membership may be so increased as to enable it to realize its wish to support both Bro. Rowe and Bro. Schnure as children's missionaries.

5. *On Contribution of American Tract Society.* *Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize the liberality of the American Tract Society in appropriating \$100 a year in aid of the tract work in our India mission.

6. *On the India Endowment Fund.* *Resolved*, That we place on record our high appreciation of the wise and beneficent liberality of the " Friend of Missions," who has recently given \$2,000 towards a permanent fund in aid of the training of native helpers in India, as reported by the Board, and that we express the hope that many others may follow the example thus set before them.

7. *On the Temporary Training School in India.* *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the establishment of a Temporary Training School in Guntur, on the plan proposed by the Board, in order to meet the pressing demand for an immediate reinforcement of our staff of native helpers ; and that we commend the same to the patronage of our people, with the hope that the desired number of contributors may be secured at an early day.

8. *On Interior Work in Africa.* *Resolved*, That we renew the recommendation made to the Board two years ago, to take steps towards exploring the interior of our African Mission field, and extending our work in that direction, whenever they shall see their way clear to do so.

9. *On Mission Statistics.* *Resolved*, That we request the Secretary of the General Synod to incorporate the statistics of our Missions in the Parochial Table, as far as he may find it possible to do so.

10. *On Securing an Act of Incorporation in the State of Maryland.* *Resolved*, That the Board be, and hereby is authorized to apply for an act of incorporation in the State of Maryland, in which it is now located, if in their judgment it is deemed expedient.

Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

JACOB A. CLUTZ, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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Names and Addresses of Missionaries and Principal Native Helpers.

India.

Rev. E. Unangst (in charge of the Northwestern Guntúr Division), Guntúr, India.

Rev. L. L. Uhl (in charge of the A. V. High School and Boys' Boarding School), Guntúr, India.

Rev. A. D. Rowe (in charge of the Southeastern Guntúr Division), York, Penna., until October 1st, 1881—after that, Guntúr, India.

Rev. Chas. Schnure (studying the language, and assisting in English work) Guntúr, India.

Miss Kate M. Boggs (School and Zenana work), Guntúr, India.

Rev. B. John (ordained native pastor, in charge of Eastern Palnád Division), Dachepalli, India.

Rev. M. Nathaniel (ordained native pastor, in charge of Western Palnád Division), Veldurti, India.

Mrs. P. Lucy (native interpreter and Zenana worker), Guntúr, India.

Mrs. P. Elmira (native Head Teacher in Girls' Boarding School), Guntúr, India.

The postage on letters to India is 5 cents.

Africa.

Rev. David A. Day, Muhlenberg Mission, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

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Legacies.

In making devises and legacies to Foreign Missions, the entire corporate name of the Board should always be used in the will; otherwise the will of the testator may be defeated. It is: "The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

Clothing for the African Mission.

The preparation of boxes of made-up clothing for the use of the children in our Mission School at Muhlenberg, will save the Board a great deal of expense, and relieve the missionaries there of much care and labor. This clothing should be made plainly of some strong material—for the boys, shirts of calico or gingham, and pants of Kentucky jean, or similar goods; for the girls, plain dresses of calico or gingham. For size and proportion of boys and girls, see ages of scholars in statistical table, page 13 of Report. This will be a good work for Woman's Missionary Societies, and for the Young Women's Mission Bands. All such boxes should be sent as soon as ready to the Treasurer, 32 N. Howard street, Baltimore. A full list of the contents should accompany each box, to avoid difficulty at the Custom-House in Liberia.

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The present to the contributors for the next year will be a very handsome cabinet-size lithograph of the Associate Children's Missionary, Rev. Charles Schnure. A specimen will be sent to every pastor in the General Synod. If any should not receive it, they can order it from the Secretary of the Society, to whom all orders, reports, etc., should be addressed.

All moneys collected for the Society should be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. J. A. Clutz, with the name and location of the Sunday-School contributing it, and the name of the Synod to which it belongs.

For any further information about our Foreign Mission work, address the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

Summary of Report of Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions.

OLIVER F. LANTZ, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.*

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS.

West Pennsylvania Synod.....	\$3,830	76
Maryland Synod.....	3,606	77
East Pennsylvania Synod.....	2,762	20
Allegheny Synod.....	1,848	66
Central Pennsylvania Synod.....	1,135	22
East Ohio Synod.....	1,097	31
Miami Synod.....	864	28
Hartwick Synod.....	740	93
Susquehanna Synod.....	699	26
Pittsburgh Synod.....	680	50
New York and New Jersey Synod.....	460	00
Wittenberg Synod.....	440	00
Franckean Synod.....	400	00
Olive Branch Synod of Indiana.....	297	76
Central Illinois Synod.....	287	86
Wartburg Synod.....	276	43
Iowa Synod.....	255	33
Nebaska Synod.....	248	02
Northern Indiana Synod.....	205	00
General Synod South.....	196	48
Kansas Synod.....	163	24
Northern Illinois Synod.....	100	00
Synod of Georgia.....	33	00
Synod of South Carolina.....	28	15
Southern Illinois Synod.....	23	85
Synod of Virginia.....	22	29
Synod of South West Virginia.....	5	00
Middle Tennessee Synod.....	2	35
Legacy of Mrs. Rebecca Billmyer, dec'd.....	950	00
Legacy of Mrs. Rebecca Rea.....	100	00
Legacy of George Cole.....	100	00
Appropriated by the Board of Foreign Missions out of the legacy of Geo. Coher, dec'd, for Muhlenberg Mission.....	500	00

Individual Contributions.....	\$4,592 44
Children's Missionary Society.....	1,917 27
Woman's Missionary Society.....	1,461 15
Churches and Associations.....	804 88
Sunday-schools	556 75
Tract Society.....	100 00
Sale of India curiosities.....	10 00
Interest.....	330 00
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	\$32,133 14
Balance on hand May 31, 1879.....	1,881 71
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	\$34,014 85

RECAPITULATION OF DISBURSEMENTS.

India Mission, including salaries, etc.....	\$21,315 98
Muhlenberg Mission, including salaries, etc.....	7,034 20
David Kelly.....	1,170 00
Expense of publishing and distributing missionary report	122 10
Incidental expenses.....	150 49
Balance on hand, \$2,000 of which belongs to the endowment fund for training native teachers and preachers in India,.....	4,222 08
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	\$34,014 85

Statement of legacy left by George Coher, dec'd, of Mansfield, Ohio, to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church, for the benefit of Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, and received through Rev. G. W. Smith, executor:

Amount received up to and reported at last meeting of General Synod at Wooster, Ohio, June, 1879.....	\$4,632 80
Invested in \$4,400 Baltimore City 5 per cent. stock.....	4,607 25
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Balance.....	\$25 55
1880.	
March 18. Received of Rev. G. W. Smith, executor.....	\$399 50
June 23. Received of Rev. G. W. Smith, executor, being the bal- ance of legacy.....	641 32
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	\$1,066 37
Amount appropriated by the Board of Foreign Missions for the use of Muhlenberg Mission.....	500 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$566 37
Entire amount of legacy received of Rev. G. W. Smith, Executor of Geo. Coher, dec'd, of Mansfield, Ohio.....	\$5,673 62

Anniversary.

The Anniversary exercises of the Board were held on Thursday evening. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. D. Rowe and Rev. J. H. Harpster, both returned missionaries from Guntur, India.

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